



# Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

## *Salt Lake Community College, UT*

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. The brownfields job training grants provide residents of communities impacted by brownfields with the skills and training needed to effectively gain employment in assessment and cleanup activities associated with brownfield redevelopment and environmental remediation. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

Salt Lake Community College was selected to receive a job training grant. This grant targets residents of the city's Gateway district, which is home to a majority of Salt Lake City's minority population. The target area's unemployment rate ranges from 2.5 to more than four

### Job Training Grant

**\$200,000**

EPA has selected Salt Lake Community College for a job training grant. The college plans to train 30 students, place up to 22 students in environmental jobs, and track graduates for one year. The college will offer three different training tracks, each consisting of approximately 250 hours of instruction. The core curriculum will include HAZWOPER, job safety, and innovative and alternative treatment technologies training. This will be followed by specialized training that is tailored to pre-apprentice, environmental technology, and hazardous waste specialist tracks. Students will be recruited through the college's partnerships with the Utah Division of Rehabilitation, the Utah Department of Workforce Services, the Salt Lake County Youth Employability program, and a variety of community and faith-based organizations. The Skills Center Career Resources personnel will assist students in job searches and placement.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

times that of the city's median, and community residents spend 65 percent of their income on rent. The Gateway District Revitalization program is a compre-

hensive effort to break down barriers between the east and west sides of the city by revitalizing this blighted industrial district. The 650-acre district is plagued by environmental contamination and poor accessibility. The Gateway district's industrial and transportation legacy have resulted in an abundance of abandoned and underused railway yards, industrial sites, and former gas stations. Graduates of this training program will be well positioned to play an active role in returning these properties to productive use.